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MR ERNEST A POMERLEAU POMERLEAU REAL ESTATE COMPANY PO BOX 6 BURLINGTON VERMONT 05402

RE: Site Management Activity Completed, Vermont Shopping Center, Berlin, Vermont (site #92-1203)

Dear Mr. Pomerleau:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has received and reviewed the December 16, 1999 Heindel and Noyes, Inc. (H&N) report concerning the above referenced site. Based on a review of the file, the current conditions at this site and the results of the H&N report, the SMS has determined that this site meets the Waste Management Division's Sites Management Activities Complete (SMAC) policy.

This means that the SMS has determined the following:

- the source of the potential contamination at this site has been adequately characterized and removed (the underground storage tanks and piping have been removed and the estimated 200 cubic yards of petroleum contaminated soils has been properly treated and thin spread on site/the suspected source of the perchloroethene contamination, the dry cleaner which was located on the property in the late 1980s and early 1990s, went out of business and the perchloroethene contaminated soils were remediated by soil vapor extraction);
- no dissolved volatile organic compounds have been detected above Vermont Groundwater Enforcement Standards in the monitoring wells located on the site;
- the site does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment.

Based on these findings, the site has been assigned a Site Management Activities Completed (SMAC) designation. Sites which the Waste Management Division has determined require no further management are classified as SMAC. This designation does not release the Pomerleau Real Estate Company from any past or future liability which may arise from the petroleum and perchloroethene contamination which originated from the underground storage tank systems and dry cleaner at this

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site. It does mean that the SMS is not requiring any additional work be performed at this site in response to the releases discovered in 1992. If any additional information comes to light in the future, then the SMS may reconsider this determination.

If the monitoring well(s) are no longer used or maintained, then they must be properly closed to eliminate a possible conduit for contaminant migration into the subsurface. This closure typically involves filling the well(s) with a grout material to prevent fluid migration in the borehole. Specific requirements for well closure are outlined in Section 12.3.5 in Appendix A of the Vermont Water Supply Rule-Chapter 21. Also, the road box or stand-up well guard for a monitoring well must be removed before well closure is considered complete.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact Richard Spiese or me at (802) 241-3888.

Sincerely,

George Desch, P.E., Chief Sites Management Section

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